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To:

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Subject:

public comment - Point Wells Development

Mr. Eastin,

I am a Shoreline resident who lives near Shorewood High School. Regarding the new proposed development at Point Wells, I am concerned of the burden that the Shoreline residents will have to carry through congested streets that will see exponentially higher traffic (when all stages of the project are complete). I am sure you are aware of the significant lack of sidewalks in Shoreline, particularly in areas of high pedestrians and cyclists, and specifically near Shorewood High and Richmond Beach Park. I walk down these streets every day and find that the current level of traffic (and speeding) is quite hazardous to those that need to share the road with vehicles, and I fear that much of the new traffic will funnel onto feeder residential streets so drivers can avoid a few lights and get to I-5 faster (Dayton, Fremont, Linden), which will only increase this danger. The increase in traffic will create additional noise, increase pollution, create more hazards for those residents with driveways along Richmond Beach Road, and increase the wear on the streets. Also thousands of additional vehicles and large trucks will considerably increase traffic time for existing residents and most importantly it will be dangerous for students walking to school on streets without sidewalks, who (let's be honest here) are generally not aware of what goes on beyond their iphone screen.

I don't know if this is relevant to the Environmental Impact Study, but I am also concerned about the jurisdictional responsibility for the public safety of future Point Wells residents. I am not aware of any access through Woodway for their or Snohomish County's emergency responders. Would Point Wells depend on Shoreline? And even if they contracted for Shoreline's services, Point Wells is so isolated from major arterial and major roads it seems like a major danger for the proposed density of future residents.

With the huge amount of infrastructural improvements required to get the Point Wells development up and running, it seems absurd and dangerous to expect all of the traffic for construction, residents, emergency first response, and consumers to be limited to a steep, windy, 2 to 4 lane street that has such a high residential density. And it appears that the city of Shoreline and its taxpayers will carry the burden of all the negative impacts this development will bring, while receiving no financial or community benefits.

Best Regards, Courtney Ewing (206) 240-7953